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Danish Pork Exports, January to June, 2003

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Report Highlights:

Danish pork exports increased by 6 percent during the first six months of 2003.

Exports to Japan increased by 11 percent. However, the forecast for the total 2003 exports is gloomy. Decreasing exports to Russia and Japan will be only partly compensated by increased exports to UK and Germany.

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1. Danish pork exports January to June 2003.

During the first half of 2003, Danish pork exports increased by 6.6 percent compared to 2002. Notably, exports to Japan increased rapidly in May and June in order for the shipments to reach Japan before the Safe Guard cuts imports substantially. (Note: Shipments from Denmark to Japan takes 6 weeks). Exports to Japan increased by 11 percent from 127,000 tons to 141,000 tons for the first six months in 2003 compared to 2002..

Danish Pork Exports, January to June

Country	Tons 2002	2003
UK	131,890	149,891
Germany	118,135	143,428
Italy	70,180	68,548
Sweden	19,287	23,080
France	31,828	26,181
Other EU	27,728	23,166
Total EU countries	399,048	434,294
Japan	127,164	141,425
U.S.	27,895	41,664
Russia	41,504	20,370
Australia	8,715	8,795
Korea	12,593	10,292
Other 3. countries	43,508	47,286
Total 3. countries	261,379	269,832
Total	660,428	704,126

2. Forecast for 2003.

Contracts for future shipments to Japan are low and total 2003 exports to Japan are expected to decrease slightly compared to 2002.

On the Russian market, Denmark has difficulty competing with Brazil and Poland. Poland is selling out of its huge stocks (estimated at 170,000 to 180,000 tons) although speculation in Denmark is that the EU may take over the stocks after Poland joins the EU in 2004.

Prospects for Denmark are still good in the UK and Germany. The share of EU markets in total Danish exports is expected to increase by 5 percent in 2003, mainly due to overall 2003 decrease in exports to Japan and Russia.